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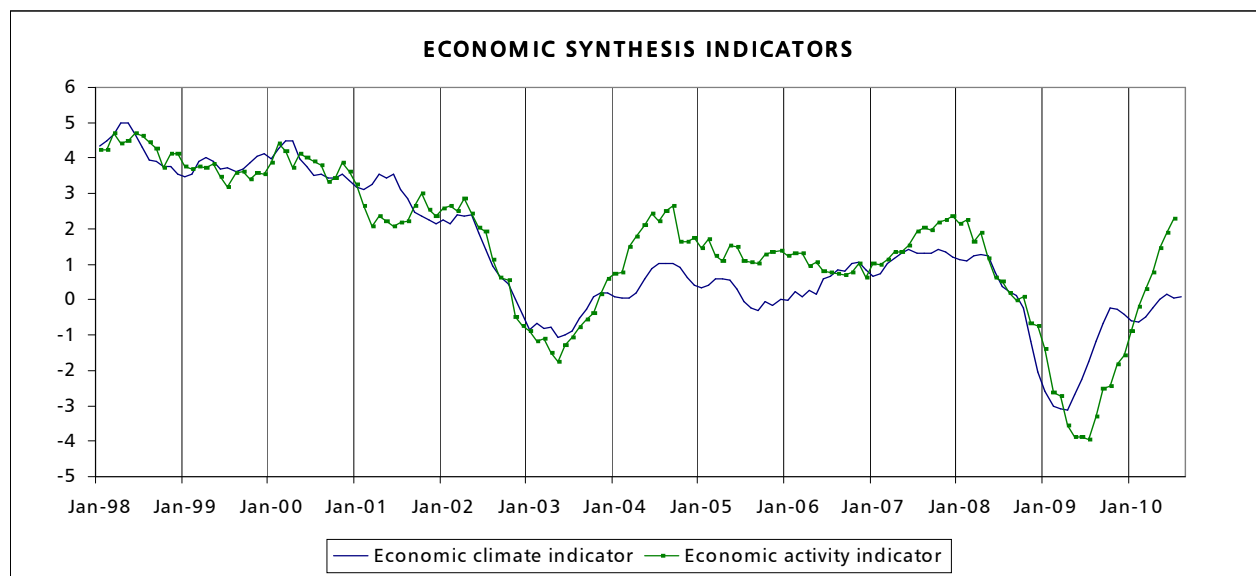
Monthly Economic Survey August 2010

The private consumption indicator diminishes and the investment indicator decreases less intensely in July. The economic climate stabilizes in August.

In August, the consumer confidence indicator increased in the Euro Area (EA) and in the European Union (EU27), maintaining the upward movement started in May 2009 in the first case, and interrupting the reduction of the three previous months in the second. In the same month, the raw materials and the oil prices continued to register strong year-on-year growth rates.

In Portugal, the economic climate indicator, available until August, stabilized in the last two months, suspending the upward movement started in May 2009. The economic activity indicator recovered in July, maintaining the upward path observed since August 2009. The private consumption indicator decreased in June and July, led by the negative contribution of both components, durable and non-durable consumption. The GFCF indicator diminished less intensely in July, driven by the evolution of the construction component. Concerning the international trade of goods, imports and exports recorded in July positive year-on-year nominal change rates of 12.7% and 13.8%, respectively (18.8% and 17.2% in June).

In August, the year-on-year change rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 1.9%, 0.1 p.p. higher than the observed in the previous month. Excluding energy and unprocessed food products, the year-on-year change rate was 0.8% (0.6% in July). In August, the prices of the goods component accelerated 0.1 p.p. to 2.5%, while the prices of the services component decelerated 0.1 p.p. to 1.1%. The differential between the EA Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) and the Portuguese HICP increased 0.2 p.p. in August compared with the previous month, to 0.4 p.p..



Report based on information available up to September 16, 2010.

Next report will be released on October 20, 2010.

NOTES

With exception of situations duly identified, the values presented in tables and graphs and others that also serve for the analysis are, in the case of quantitative series, year-on-year rates of change (y.r.) under three-month moving average (3-mma) or, in the case of qualitative series, 3-mma of seasonally adjusted values (s.a.) or of effective values (e.v). Annual information correspond to 12-mma, with the exception of variables presented as y.r. on stocks, where the annual value corresponds to the variation of the balance at the end of the year. Annualised variation (a.v.). Weight (w.).

Balances: differences between the percentage of respondents giving positive and negative replies.



		Year 2008	Year 2009	Quarter 2 2009	Quarter 3 2009	Quarter 4 2009	Quarter 1 2010	Quarter 2 2010	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10
International background															
GDP of customer countries	s.a.y.r.	0.7	-3.7	-4.5	-3.7	-2.0	0.1	1.2	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
GDP European Union	s.a.y.r.	0.8	-4.2	-5.1	-4.3	-2.2	0.7	1.9	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
GDP Euro Area	s.a.y.r.	0.6	-4.1	-4.9	-4.0	-2.0	0.8	1.9	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Industrial production index of customer countries	s.a.y.r./3-mma	-3.7	-14.2	-17.5	-13.7	-6.1	3.4	6.9	0.2	3.4	5.3	7.0	6.9	-	-
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EU	ind/s.a.-3mma	93.5	79.9	74.2	84.3	92.2	98.2	-	92.2	94.6	96.6	98.2	99.8	-	-
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EA	ind/s.a.-3mma	93.5	80.8	75.6	84.1	91.9	96.6	-	91.9	94.0	95.3	96.6	98.1	-	-
Order books in industry of customer countries	balance/s.a.-3mma	-17.2	-52.2	-56.3	-52.9	-46.1	-38.4	-	-41.3	-38.4	-35.1	-	-	-	-
Consumer confidence indicator in EU	balance/s.a.-3mma	-17.5	-22.8	-25.6	-19.3	-14.9	-13.5	-14.1	-13.6	-13.5	-13.2	-13.7	-14.1	-14.6	-13.3
Unemployment rate in EU	s.a.%	7.0	8.9	8.9	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	-
Harmonised index of consumer prices in EA	y.r.	3.3	0.3	0.2	-0.4	0.4	1.1	1.5	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.6
Production price index of supplying countries	y.r./3-mma	5.6	-5.1	-6.7	-7.2	-2.5	2.2	4.1	1.1	2.2	3.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	-
Crude oil price (Brent)	Euros	64.9	43.8	43.0	47.7	50.5	55.1	61.7	53.9	58.1	63.3	60.4	61.2	59.2	59.7
Crude oil price (Brent)	y.r.	23.4	-32.5	-44.7	-37.1	21.5	61.5	43.4	59.0	62.9	66.3	44.0	25.1	29.4	17.6
Economic activity															
GDP	y.r.	0.0	-2.6	-3.1	-2.3	-1.0	1.8	1.5	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Economic climate indicator	balance/3-mma	0.0	-1.6	-2.3	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Economic activity indicator	3-mma	0.4	-2.7	-3.9	-2.5	-1.6	0.3	1.9	-0.2	0.3	0.8	1.5	1.9	2.3	-
Total turnover index	y.r./3-mma	1.0	-12.6	-16.2	-12.4	-6.1	4.1	6.2	0.8	4.1	4.9	6.4	6.2	5.2	-
Manufacturing industry production index	s.a.y.r./3-mma	-4.0	-9.9	-11.9	-7.2	-3.9	5.9	3.0	3.2	5.9	4.9	3.8	3.0	2.9	-
Production index in construction	s.a.y.r./3-mma	-1.3	-6.6	-5.7	-6.3	-9.2	-8.2	-8.1	-8.8	-8.2	-8.1	-7.2	-8.1	-	-
Retail trade turnover index (real)	y.r./3-mma	0.2	-1.9	-1.6	-2.1	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.4	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.3	-
Sales of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	5.6	-24.5	-30.1	-16.6	-6.1	69.5	48.6	17.8	69.5	58.8	55.8	48.6	41.5	33.2
Consumption															
Consumer confidence indicator	balance/3-mma	-38.4	-38.5	-43.5	-29.5	-30.0	-35.4	-40.1	-34.4	-35.4	-36.7	-38.3	-40.1	-42.0	-40.4
Quantitative indicator of private consumption	y.r./3-mma	1.5	0.1	-0.2	0.2	1.6	3.9	4.3	2.6	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.3	3.6	-
Indicator of non-durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.3	-
Indicator of durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	0.2	-14.1	-18.0	-11.6	-4.9	18.6	19.2	3.2	18.6	18.8	19.4	19.2	16.0	-
Vol. ind. consumption of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-0.8	-25.5	-30.6	-22.3	-12.8	39.1	41.3	3.1	39.1	39.4	40.3	41.3	36.0	-
Investment															
GFCF indicator		-3.3	-10.2	-11.5	-7.7	-8.7	-2.7	-1.1	-6.1	-2.7	-3.1	-2.0	-1.1	-1.0	-
Cement sales	y.r./3-mma	-9.5	-16.4	-16.9	-14.0	-16.4	-8.6	-6.2	-12.6	-8.6	-10.6	-8.4	-6.2	-	-
Sales of steel for concrete	y.r./3-mma	-16.5	-16.4	-30.3	17.3	-6.5	1.9	-27.2	7.8	1.9	-8.3	-22.3	-27.2	-	-
Credit for purchase of habitation	y.r./stocks	3.9	5.1	1.5	3.1	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	-	-
Licenses for construction of new habitations	y.r./3-mma	-21.3	-28.4	-31.2	-23.7	-13.7	-7.6	-5.3	-7.3	-7.6	-3.8	-4.9	-5.3	-12.3	-
Machinery and equipment indicator		2.9	-3.3	-4.9	-1.3	-1.5	-2.3	-2.3	-1.8	-2.3	-2.2	-2.9	-2.3	-3.8	-3.4
Sales of light commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-19.1	-29.8	-36.6	-25.2	-16.9	19.4	29.3	-1.7	19.4	18.2	23.4	29.3	28.0	23.0
Sales of new heavy commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-1.7	-40.7	-48.3	-26.2	-50.4	-36.0	-3.2	-40.9	-36.0	-21.6	-13.2	-3.2	-6.7	0.3
External demand															
External demand indicator in value	s.a.y.r./3-mma	2.2	-22.6	-28.2	-23.4	-11.6	9.5	22.5	1.9	9.5	13.0	20.0	22.5	-	-
External order books	balance/3-mma	-26.1	-53.4	-62.4	-45.8	-40.3	-33.7	-33.1	-35.2	-33.7	-32.8	-33.1	-33.1	-32.8	-27.5
Exports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	1.7	-18.7	-24.4	-17.7	-4.3	14.8	17.2	7.1	14.8	18.8	20.6	17.2	13.8	-
Imports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	7.2	-20.2	-26.5	-20.0	-9.9	8.0	18.8	0.7	8.0	12.9	14.8	18.8	12.7	-
Labour market															
Unemployment rate	%	7.6	9.5	9.1	9.8	10.1	10.6	10.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Employment	y.r.	0.5	-2.8	-2.9	-3.4	-3.0	-1.8	-1.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployed registration along the month	s.a.y.r./3-mma	11.1	18.5	26.2	16.2	0.4	-3.2	-10.2	-3.9	-3.2	-5.9	-5.7	-10.2	-11.4	-
Unemployment expectations	balance/3-mma	50.6	64.1	70.0	52.5	54.3	56.0	54.9	56.7	56.0	55.4	54.6	54.9	56.6	55.5
Vacancies along the month	s.a.y.r./3-mma	5.8	-3.3	7.7	3.9	-8.7	17.2	17.9	5.4	17.2	23.7	24.8	17.9	7.9	-
Employment indicator (short-term statistics)	y.r./3-mma	0.0	-4.3	-4.6	-4.6	-4.5	-3.1	-1.8	-3.6	-3.1	-2.6	-2.2	-1.8	-1.6	-
Average declared wages	s.a.y.r./3-mma	4.0	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.1	4.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	4.7	4.0	3.3	-
Wage negotiation	a.v./3-mmaq.w.	3.1	2.9	3.9	2.5	2.5	1.9	2.9	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.9	2.7	-
Prices and exchange rates															
Consumer price index	y.r.	2.6	-0.8	-1.1	-1.5	-0.7	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.9
Core inflation indicator	y.r.	2.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.6	0.8
Consumer price index - goods	y.r.	2.3	-2.3	-2.8	-3.5	-1.9	-0.1	1.2	-0.3	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.5	2.4	2.5
Consumer price index - services	y.r.	3.0	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.1
Manufacturing industry production price index	y.r./3-mma	4.7	-5.6	-7.0	-7.9	-2.9	2.0	4.1	1.1	2.0	3.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.6
Effective exchange rate index for Portugal	y.r.	1.2	0.4	-0.3	0.3	1.6	-0.3	-1.9	-0.2	-0.9	-1.0	-1.9	-2.7	-2.2	-
Exchange rate eur/USD	y.r.	6.9	-5.0	-12.9	-4.7	12.3	6.2	-6.6	7.0	4.0	1.6	-7.9	-12.9	-9.4	-9.6
Exchange rate USD/Euro	USD	1.471	1.393	1.362	1.431	1.478	1.384	1.273	1.369	1.357	1.341	1.257	1.221	1.277	1.289
Exchange rate eur/JPY	y.r.	-6.6	-13.6	-18.9	-17.1	5.1	3.1	-11.6	4.4	-3.6	-3.8	-12.2	-18.0	-16.0	-18.7